



# CLINTON

## Worcester County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Clinton straddles the valley of the south branch of the Nashua River and is the site of the Wachusett Reservoir, formed by damming the river in 1905 to provide drinking water for the City of Boston. Clinton's terrain was partly shaped by retreating glaciers which created the present landscape.

The town's abundant water power potential invited textile manufacturing, and a diverse ethnic population followed the creation of mill jobs. These included Irish, German, Scots and English immigrants who worked in the cotton and fabric mills and made combs. The invention of power looms brought young women from New Hampshire and Vermont to tend the looms. The town was incorporated in 1850 and was already a sizeable community with over 3,000 in population and the fourth largest manufacturing center in Worcester County. Clinton benefited greatly from the ability and ingenuity of the Bigelow brothers, who invented new kinds of power looms and set up profitable mills to house them.

By 1850 five million yards of cloth was woven by 700 mill employees and in the following year an additional 2 million yards of lace, tweed and pant fabric was being turned out at the mills in Clinton. The Bigelows continued to refine their equipment, developing rug weaving looms and wire cloth looms. Ancillary industries sprang up in town, such as foundries and machine shops, to service the mills and companion factories for making clothing, shoes and boots were also established. Clinton became successively the state, national and world leader in the manufacture of carpets, cotton gingham and wire cloth and by 1885 was the largest carpet maker in the world. Not unexpectedly, there are also early records of labor movement activity in Clinton, which was the site of the notorious Lancaster Mills strike in 1912 with its mass meetings, picketing and riots. The huge mills of the early 19th century still remain in use, housing a diverse group of manufacturing uses.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Central Massachusetts, bordered by Bolton and Berlin on the east, Boylston on the south, Sterling on the west, and Lancaster on the northwest and north. Clinton is 13 miles north of Worcester, 16 miles south of Fitchburg, 35 miles west of Boston, and 200 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 7.29 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 5.70 sq. miles

**Population:** 13,222

**Density:** 2,320 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Clinton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....47.0"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Clinton

## Regional Planning Agency

Montachusett

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Worcester



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 365-4119

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1850

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	7,493		
Democrats	3,305	44.1	%
Republicans	916	12.2	%
Other parties	20	0.3	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,252	43.4	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Clinton town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	13,435	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	13,435	100.0
Male.....	6,472	48.2	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	1,558	11.6
Female.....	6,963	51.8	Mexican.....	53	0.4
Under 5 years.....	803	6.0	Puerto Rican.....	757	5.6
5 to 9 years.....	910	6.8	Cuban.....	3	-
10 to 14 years.....	912	6.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	745	5.5
15 to 19 years.....	774	5.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	11,877	88.4
20 to 24 years.....	744	5.5	White alone.....	11,249	83.7
25 to 34 years.....	2,060	15.3	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	2,361	17.6	Total population.....	13,435	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,799	12.9	In households.....	13,306	99.0
55 to 59 years.....	608	4.5	Householder.....	5,597	41.7
60 to 64 years.....	512	3.8	Spouse.....	2,445	18.2
65 to 74 years.....	921	6.9	Child.....	3,894	29.0
75 to 84 years.....	826	6.1	Own child under 18 years.....	2,871	21.4
85 years and over.....	265	2.0	Other relatives.....	669	5.0
Median age (years).....	37.1	(X)	Under 18 years.....	182	1.4
18 years and over.....	10,342	77.0	Nonrelatives.....	701	5.2
Male.....	4,886	36.4	Unmarried partner.....	336	2.5
Female.....	5,456	40.6	In group quarters.....	129	1.0
21 years and over.....	9,912	73.8	Institutionalized population.....	112	0.8
62 years and over.....	2,316	17.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	17	0.1
65 years and over.....	2,012	15.0	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	744	5.5	Total households.....	5,597	100.0
Female.....	1,268	9.4	Family households (families).....	3,400	60.7
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	1,570	28.1
One race.....	13,149	97.9	Married-couple family.....	2,445	43.7
White.....	11,849	88.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,090	19.5
Black or African American.....	346	2.6	Female householder, no husband present.....	710	12.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	29	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	377	6.7
Asian.....	120	0.9	Nonfamily households.....	2,197	39.3
Asian Indian.....	42	0.3	Householder living alone.....	1,850	33.1
Chinese.....	25	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	693	12.4
Filipino.....	10	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,689	30.2
Japanese.....	7	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,470	26.3
Korean.....	12	0.1	Average household size.....	2.38	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.06	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	24	0.2	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	-	Total housing units.....	5,844	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	2	-	Occupied housing units.....	5,597	95.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	247	4.2
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	4	-	occasional use.....	27	0.5
Some other race.....	799	5.9	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.0	(X)
Two or more races.....	286	2.1	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	4.1	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	5,597	100.0
White.....	12,089	90.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,028	54.1
Black or African American.....	422	3.1	Renter-occupied housing units.....	2,569	45.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	88	0.7	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.56	(X)
Asian.....	158	1.2	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.16	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	14	0.1			
Some other race.....	974	7.2			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 177

Conventional Federal: 99

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 24

Federal (Section 8): 0



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Located in the Worcester region, which has three major cross-state highways: the Worcester Turnpike (Route 9), Route 20, and the Massachusetts Turnpike. I-495 borders to the east, I-190 connects to the Fitchburg-Leominster area, I-84 and I-395 connect to Connecticut and points south. The region is well connected by rail and highway to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 62, 70, and 110.

### Rail

Freight rail service is available from Conrail and from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number for Conrail: (617) 783-6222, Contact number for the Springfield Terminal Railway: (978) 663-1073

### Bus

Clinton is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA), which provides fixed route service between Clinton and Worcester.

### Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500' and 6,999' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

Clinton Hospital Association

### Long Term Care

Coachlace Healthcare Nursing Center

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

Clinton Home For Aged People

Ferguson Rest Home

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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